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18. A virtual ~~image~~ generation apparatus as defined by claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises an alternating sequence of pixels for displaying said object and pixels for displaying said subject.

REMARKS

Applicant has added new claims 13-18 in order to recite Applicant's claimed invention in an alternative form. Applicant respectfully asserts that for essentially the same reasons as expressed with respect to claims 2-9 in Applicant's response of July 2, 1999, that new claims 13-18 are patentable over the applied reference.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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